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SUBJ: BILATERAL FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS

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1. EMBASSY OFFICIAL AND JENSEN, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MET WITH ALFREDO VARGAS, INSTITUTO DE COMMERCIAL EXTERIOR ON MAY 18 AND 19. FISHING INDUSTRY REPRESENTED AT BOTH MEETINGS.

2. U.S. REQUIREMENTS FOR RESUMPTION OF EXPORTATION OF YELLOWFIN TUNA TO U.S. WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL. VARGAS EXPECTS TO SUBMIT GOV STATEMENT REQUESTING CERTIFICATION TO EMBASSY ON MAY 18. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE CERTIFICATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE DUE TO EXCELLENT FISHING AND INSUFFICIENT STORAGE CAPACITY IN VENEZUELA AND PANAMA. VENEZUELAN VESSELS NOW IN PANAMA OFFLOADING CATCH. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH JENSEN TO HAVE VESSELS INSPECTED BY DEPT. OF COMMERCE PERSONNEL. BOTH GOV AND COMPANY OFFICIALS AGREED TO MAKE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS IMMEDIATELY IF REQUIRED AS RESULT OF INSPECTION.

3. VARGAS AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS GIFA. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN POLLACK AND COD FISHERY. ALTHOUGH JENSEN COULD NOT SPEAK FOR USG REGARDING GIFA AND FISHING LICENSE, HE AGREED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING QUESTIONS UPON UNCLASSIFIED

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RETURN TO U.S. AND FORWARD TO EMBASSY. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE STATED INTEREST IN SELLING CATCH IN U.S. IF GRANTED A PERMIT. THEY ARE MOST INTERESTED IN THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET FOR U.S. TO GRANT A PERMIT AND CONDITIONS, IF GRANTED.  
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